

## PORTLAND TRIBUNE.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 1815.

## QUACK MEDICINES.

Most of our newspapers are filled with quack medicine advertisements, and about as useless in a family as an apothecary's sign board. Verily, we are a pill-taking people.

An advertisement has just been sent us from Boston with our terms of advertising. We will just say to the gentlemen in Boston, that on no conditions would we fill our paper with such miserable stuff. Who ever reads more than the heads of quack medicines? Besides, we should be contributing our influence in a wrong channel. We know that nearly all the medicines advertised in the common newspapers, are put up for the purpose of making money and nothing more.

Who can believe that "Dr. Brandreth, M. D." as he formerly signed his name, in the "shocking bad" letters we have seen from his pen—who can believe that he cares a fig for the death of mankind, providing his pills will sell? What does Wright—the pretended inventor of the Indian Vegetable Pills—care, how many die, providing he makes money by his brown bread and allies? What do the ten thousand and one quacks, who spring up in every city, town and village in the Union, care for the misery they produce by the vending of their nostrums?

It is high time the eyes of the community were opened. The American people are paying thousands of dollars every year, to support as lazy a set of unprincipled vagabonds as ever went unhung. Yet they believe every word they read in advertisements—believe it too, when they see that no good effect is produced on their friends and relations—believe it, because the newspapers say so, and a few hiring editors are bought for a song to laud to the skies the miserable stuff which has no more efficacy than so much saw dust.

No, gentlemen, who request us to insert such advertisements—we shall do no such thing. If the people will be gulled, others may do it for pay, but we will not. We have sins enough in all conscience to answer for, without being accessory to murder, or any thing worse.

One word of advice. Have nothing to do with quack medicines. If you wish to die before your time, take the razor, the rope, or the pistol: but we pray you, "touch not, taste not, handle not," sanatives, balsams, elixirs, or any thing else, which is brought before your eyes in great primer, or twelve lines pica, in most of the newspapers you carry into your families.

**No. 1 BENEVOLENCE.** While speaking of benevolence the other day, a friend who loves a good joke as he does a good dinner, remarked that he had just sent a poor woman a barrel of flour.

"Who was the lucky recipient of such bounty," we inquired.

"My wife!" replied he, with the most imperturbable gravity.

If this was not *number one benevolence*, we shall like to know what is. [Bulletin.]

**No. 2 BENEVOLENCE.** The following is also from the Bulletin:—

"The Bulletin—thrice weekly—was put at the unprecedented low price of one dollar and fifty cents per year, so that the poor as well as the better able who felt disposed, might have it in their power to take it."

The Bulletin, although printed at \$1.50 a year, does not contain so much reading matter by about a page, as the Tribune, which we offered for \$1.00 per year; and yet we do not publish our paper out of pure benevolence, we are frank to confess. We are yet to learn that working for one's living, and charging roundly for services, come under the head of a Christian virtue.

If this is not *No. 2 benevolence*, tell us what is.

Neal's Saturday Gazette, we receive about once a month. Why so, neighbor?

We clip the following paragraph from the Woonsocket Patriot. We would just inform the editors that "some writer" who "beautifully says" thus and so, is no other person than—ourselves.

**PRINTING.** Some writer, whose name we cannot recall, beautifully says: "A printed thought never dies. Nothing is so indestructible. The proudest works of art crumble to dust, but the eloquent thought lives, and will live, down to the end of time." For this reason, doubtless, have tyrants and bigots, in days gone by, opposed the noble and all-glorious art of printing. Even Cardinal Woolsey declared against it, as that which would take down the honor and profits of the priesthood, by making the people as wise as they.

**GENEROUSITY.** A gentleman residing on Fell's Point, Md., who won one hundred dollars on the late Presidential election, expended the whole sum a few days since, in the purchase of firewood for the use of the poor. [Argus.]

We know a man, who purchased wood piles for the poor, without winning the money in a bet, which is far more meritorious—or would be, if he did not wish the money refunded in the shape of votes. "Now don't you think I shall get the Post Office?"

**MILLER PAPER.** We learn that a paper, advocating the speedy destruction of the world, is to be started near Long Creek, in Purpoonduck, by an association of bakers and joiners, who have taken a wide step above their business. The name we have not learned—but we suggest one: Long Creek Dough Nut and Purpoonduck World Destroyer, with the following as a motto, which all will acknowledge to be appropriate:

We love to loaf, we know we do,  
And so do Miller's followers too.

**LOBSTERS.** The number of lobsters caught in our bay is almost incredible. During the last spring more than thirty thousand were taken, many of which were transferred by rail road to Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and even farther south. They are often pickled, enclosed in air-tight cans, and sent to New Orleans and the West Indies.

**TOM COUS.** These fish are caught in great abundance at Presumpscot Falls, about four miles from the city. A day or two ago we saw cart loads piled on the ice and the banks of the river. One man, caught twenty bushels in an afternoon. They are excellent food, and sell well in our market, under the name of *Frost Fish*. They are often sold to farmers, being excellent food for sheep. They bring about 25 cents a bushel.

At certain seasons of the year, the water is literally covered with these fish. By attaching a large hook to a stick, they can be caught as fast as you please.

**SYMBOL, AND OLD FELLOW'S MAGAZINE.**—We have received the December No. of this excellent periodical. It is an invaluable work, not only to the members of the Order, but to all who can appreciate a pure and exalted literature and the most liberal principles of benevolence. Published in Boston, by A. Prince, at \$2 per annum.

**LITTLE'S LIVING AGE.** We continue to receive this valuable work from the publishers. It increases in interest every number, and its matter is far superior to the trash with which most of our magazines are filled. It deserves a liberal support. Geo. Colman, Exchange Building, is agent for the work.

Where did the Advertiser of Tuesday pick up the article on "Woman's Temper?"

Mr. Plummer, of Gorham, has relinquished the sale of ardent spirits, although licensed by the town. His reason was, that many purchased under pretence of sickness, when they used it as a drink.

## CITY ITEMS.

**FIRE.** On Sunday morning, about 1 o'clock, a fire was discovered in the Gooding house, corner of Federal and Pearl streets. It was extinguished without doing much damage. The fire probably ignited from a spark dropped from a lamp in the closet.

**LAUNCH.** The Messrs. Dyer launched a fine ship, from their yard in Fore street, on Monday last. She is to be commanded by Capt. Jabez Howes, the gentleman who formerly commanded the steamer Portland.

**OLD FELLOW'S FUNERAL.** The funeral of Mr. A. G. Winsl was attended by about 350 Old Fellows, on Sabbath last. The services were read in the Episcopal church, by Rev. Mr. Watson, from Newport, R. I.; and Rev. Mr. Saddle officiated in the impressive burial ceremonies at the grave.

**RICHARD BUTTS.** Many of our old citizens remember Dicky Butts, the tailor. The old gentleman, being fond of his bitters, very often in going into a store to purchase cloth, thinking of the stimulus, would inquire—"Have you any blue black bitters of this color?" Poor Dick! rum killed him at last.

**ACCIDENT.** A few days ago, a little girl, while sliding near Railroad Depot, accidentally went over the steep bank, injuring herself so severely, that at first it was thought she could not live. We now learn that she is getting better. Children must be careful where they slide.

**RTM.** There are some complaints about the city, that rum cannot be obtained for medicinal purposes. Why do not the Aldermen license some individual to sell spirit in cases of absolute necessity? We obtained a small quantity of rum last week, and if any of our friends wish for it as a medicine, let them call upon us and we will supply them. We trust, before long, some persons will be appointed to sell it.

**Gen. "Tom Thumb"** recently passed through this city, on his way down east.

**MAINE LODGE I. O. of F.** The following officers were elected on Monday evening last, for the ensuing quarter:

John H. Williams, N. G.  
Charles F. Safford, V. G.  
Jas. H. Baker, Permanent Sec'y.  
F. W. Nichols, Quarterly Sec'y.  
George C. French, Treasurer.  
S. T. Corser,  
Geo. W. Woodman, } Trustees.  
Charles Holden

To-morrow afternoon, Rev. Mr. Pratt will deliver a discourse to young men, on the recent death of Mr. Winslow.

**MASONIC FESTIVAL.** The Masonic Lodges, of this city, celebrated the nativity of St. John, the Evangelist, on Friday evening of last week, at the Mason's Hall. Several addresses were made, enlivened by music, after which they partook of refreshments, and the meeting broke up.

**RETAILERS.** There are but 37 retailers in this city—26 less than a year ago. In twelve months we trust there will be but two, and these appointed by the city.

**FLOUR AND CORN.** There have been received into this port during the past year, 60,806 bbls. Flour, and 103,134 bushels Corn.

**THE ROVER.** Is the Rover dead? We have not seen a copy for full six weeks. Mr. Smith, how is it?

## CONGRESSIONAL.

Monday, Dec. 22.

**SENATE.** Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, with an amendment, the House bill fixing an uniform time for the election of President and Vice President of the United States.

Mr. Choate, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill for ascertaining the claims for French spoils.

**HOUSE.** A resolution directing an inquiry into the expediency of authorizing a transmission of newspapers through the mails in the Congressional Districts in which they are printed, was adopted.

Mr. W. Hunt offered a joint resolution restricting the Presidential service to one term of four years. Read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. C. J. Ingersoll offered a petition from citizens of Pennsylvania in favor of applying the proceeds of the sales of the public lands to some other funds for purchasing slaves from their owners, with a view to the ultimate extinction of slavery in the Union.

Mr. Morris, of Pa. offered a resolution directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending the Naturalization laws and that of extending the time of residence of foreigners before they are admitted to citizenship. This gave rise to debate and had to lie over.

Mr. Douglass submitted a joint resolution for the annexation of Texas, according to the purchase of that Territory by the Treaty of 1800. It was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Whole.

Mr. Davis of Indiana, submitted a resolution instructing the committee of ways and means to inquire into the expediency of repealing the duty on salt—laid on the table—yeas 71, nays 52.

Mr. A. V. Brown reported a bill to organize a Territorial Government in Oregon. It was twice read, and referred to the Committee of the whole.

Mr. Douglass gave notice that he will to-morrow introduce a joint resolution for the re-annexation of Texas, in conformity with the treaty of 1803.

A joint resolution was introduced and adopted requiring that all the flags taken in battle from foreign powers, shall be placed in the Rotunda. It was read twice and referred.

Mr. C. J. Ingersoll reported, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, a resolution providing for the printing of 10,000 large maps of Texas, with the view of enlightening members as to the geography there.

House adjourned over to Thursday on account of Christmas.

**ACCIDENT.** A melancholy accident occurred in Turner, on Monday, of last week. A child of Mr. John Keen, about a year old, was scalded to death, by pulling over a chair, in which a tub of hot water had been placed, to be used in washing.

Beckett's Bulletin speaks of "the two lost individuals." Can there be more than one lost?

Mr. Warren Hersey, of South Paris killed a pig lately, which was 7 months and 5 days old, and weighed 247 lbs.

The great fire in Salem, Mass., which was recorded last week, broke out in *Deacon Giles' old distillery*. That some old distillery has thus twice set Salem on fire.

The members of the Mechanic Association of Augusta, with their ladies, had a supper on Friday Evening. Everybody and his wife, says the Gospel Banner, was invited.

A clause in the Constitution of Iowa prohibits the Legislature granting divorces.